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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

FROM : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : The Cancun Summit: NFAC Support

1. NFAC analysts were working on the prospects for a 1981 North-South Summit well before President Reagan decided to attend. Henry Nau at NSC referred to the February 1981 IA (Tab A) as "an excellent aid in preparing the new Administration for the aftermath of the Brandt Commission Report." Once the President chose to attend, NFAC got directly involved in the preparatory process, working closely with Henry Nau, Nancy Bearg Dyke, Chuck Meissner, Mike Rashish, and Marc Leland. Early in the process, Mike Rashish asked [redacted] from NFAC to be the peg-point for CIA support (Tab B); Jim closed the loop with DO, working with the IA Division. 25X1

2. The preparatory process has followed several parallel tracks; Meissner has chaired a large Working Group at State. Henry Nau has been leading a smaller group which has met periodically with Meese, Darman, Deaver and Craig Fuller.

3. NFAC participation in the preparatory process picked up momentum right before the Ottawa Summit; the materials at Tab C were prepared for the Ottawa Summit sherpas before their last preparatory meeting. NFAC participation reached a peak right before the 1-2 August planning meeting at Cancun, Tab D. On a different track, NFAC has done a bit of work for Peter Flanigan as part of the President's Economic Advisory Board deliberations about Cancun (Tab E).

4. We continue to participate in the process of helping Henry Nau reduce the massive amount of material generated by the formal Inter-Agency Working Group into a brief and coherent package for the President and other Cancun participants. At [redacted] request, we are currently collapsing our most recent Cancun IA (Tab F) into a 3-page summary as part of the President's briefing book. We are also preparing an analysis of the Cancun Summit from the vantage point of Lopez Portillo and de la Madrid. A few days before Cancun, we will disseminate a baseline assessment [redacted] During the Summit itself, we will cable morning summaries to the participants at Cancun. [redacted] is currently planning to have an officer on site in Cancun, perhaps with an NFAC analyst, to brief members of the President's party. 25X1

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Tab A - Prospects for a Minisummit on North-South Economic Cooperation and Development

Tab B - 15 May 1981 Memorandum

Tab C - 1 June 1981 Memorandum

Tab D - Material for Haig's Briefing Book

Tab E - Implications of the Cancun Summit  
Prepared for Peter Flanigan

Tab F - The Industrial North Goes to Cancun: Rhetoric and Reality